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## **Committee to vote on port security legislation** *Chairman King to lead full committee markup on SAFE Port Act*

**WHO:** Committee on Homeland Security  
Chairman Peter T. King (R-NY)

**WHEN:** 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 26, 2006

**WHERE:** 311 Cannon House Office Building

### **BACKGROUND**

Chairman Peter T. King will convene a Full Committee markup to consider H.R. 4954, the "Security and Accountability For Every (SAFE) Port Act." This bipartisan bill addresses port security defenses within and beyond U.S. ports, including enhancing security at United States ports, tracking and protecting containers en route to the United States, and preventing threats from reaching the U.S. Among other measures, the bill provides \$2.4 billion in federal funding to enhance security at seaports nationwide, and requires DHS to deploy nuclear and radiological detection systems at all domestic seaports.

If approved by the committee, the SAFE Port Act will be referred to the full House for consideration.

The bill was originally introduced by Rep. Dan Lungren (R-CA), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, and Rep. Jane Harman (D-CA). The subcommittee unanimously passed the bill on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

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